

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

United States of America

v.

VAN WHITMORE,  
a/k/a “V-High”,  
RONALD NIXON,  
a/k/a “Jeter”,  
BARRY WILLIAMS,  
a/k/a “Bistro”,  
RODNEY ROBINSON,  
a/k/a “Stretch”,  
KAPRI LAMBERT,  
a/k/a “Pri”,  
IAN HAYLOCK,  
a/k/a “E”,  
SHAROD BELL,  
a/k/a “Rodo”,  
MALIK HAWKINS,  
a/k/a “Leeky”,  
ABDOUL HANNE,  
a/k/a “Buylot”,  
MALIK BREEDLOVE,  
a/k/a “LB”,  
ANTHONY MCDADE,  
a/k/a “Pap”,

*Defendants.*

**Protective Order**

**19 Cr. 846 (KPF)**

Upon the application of the United States of America, with the consent of the undersigned counsel, the Court hereby finds and orders as follows:

1. **Disclosure Material.** The Government has made and will make disclosure to the defendants of documents, objects, and information, including electronically stored information (“ESI”), pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16, 18 U.S.C. § 3500, and the Government’s general obligation to produce exculpatory and impeachment material in criminal

cases, all of which will be referred to herein as “disclosure material.” The Government’s disclosure material may include material that (i) affects the privacy and confidentiality of individuals; (ii) would risk prejudicial pretrial publicity if publicly disseminated; and (iii) that is not authorized to be disclosed to the public or disclosed beyond that which is necessary for the defense of this criminal case.

**NOW, THEREFORE, FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

2. Disclosure material shall not be disclosed by the defendants or defense counsel, including any successor counsel (“the defense”) other than as set forth herein, and shall be used by the defense solely for purposes of defending this action. The defense shall not post any disclosure material on any Internet site or network site to which persons other than the parties hereto have access, and shall not disclose any disclosure material to the media or any third party except as set forth below.

3. Disclosure material may be disclosed by counsel to:

- a. Personnel for whose conduct counsel is responsible, *i.e.*, personnel employed by or retained by counsel, as needed for purposes of defending this action; or
- b. Prospective witnesses for purposes of defending this action.

4. The Government may authorize, in writing, disclosure of disclosure material beyond that otherwise permitted by this Order without further Order of this Court.

5. Emma M Greenwood, the court-appointed Coordinating Discovery Attorney (CDA), may disclose, make copies of, or reveal the contents of disclosure materials to defense counsel and to her employees who are assisting in the preparation and dissemination of such materials, and to

third party vendors she may deem necessary to retain to process the discovery she receives, all in furtherance of fulfilling her duties and obligations under the Court's February 26, 2020 Order appointing Ms. Greenwood as CDA. Ms. Greenwood shall serve this Protective Order upon any such attorney, employee or vendor, instructing them that they are bound by its terms, and she shall instruct such other persons that further disclosure is prohibited.

6. This Order does not prevent the disclosure of any disclosure material in any hearing or trial held in this action, or to any judge or magistrate judge, for purposes of this action. All filings should comply with the privacy protection provisions of Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1.

7. The Government has advised that information that may be subject to disclosure in this case may be contained within ESI that the Government has seized, pursuant to warrants issued during the course of the investigation, various cell phones and other devices and storage media. This ESI was seized subject to judicially authorized premises search warrants or from the defendants incident to their arrests. Upon consent of all counsel, the Government is authorized to disclose to counsel for the defendants, for use solely as permitted herein, the entirety of such seized ESI as the Government believes may contain disclosure material ("the seized ESI disclosure material"). The defendants, defense counsel, and personnel for whose conduct counsel is responsible, *i.e.*, personnel employed by or retained by counsel, may review the seized ESI disclosure material to identify items pertinent to the defense. They shall not further disseminate or disclose any portion of the seized ESI disclosure material except as otherwise set forth under this Order.

8. If disclosure material is provided to any prospective witnesses, counsel shall make reasonable efforts to seek the return or destruction of such materials.

9. The defense shall provide a copy of this Order to prospective witnesses and persons retained by counsel to whom the defense has disclosed disclosure material or the Government's ESI production. All such persons shall be subject to the terms of this Order. Defense counsel shall maintain a record of what information has been disclosed to which such persons.

10. This Order places no restriction on a defendant's use or disclosure of ESI that originally belonged to the defendant.

## Retention of Jurisdiction

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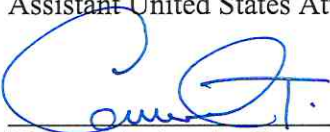
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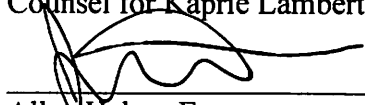
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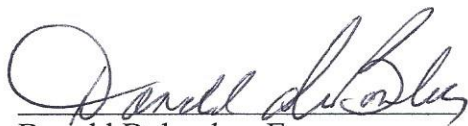
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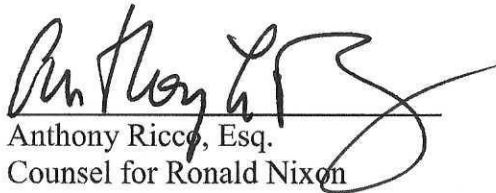
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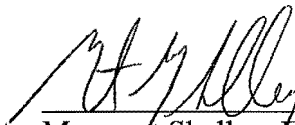
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SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York

January 27, 2021



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THE HONORABLE KATHERINE POLK FAILLA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE